

Thomas Introduces Bill To Study Local Taxation

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-San Pedro) has introduced a House Resolution calling for a study of local government and the local taxing structure within Los Angeles County.

The Resolution calls for the Assembly Revenue and Taxation committee in conjunction with the Assembly Committee on Municipal and County Government to contract with the University of California for an in-depth study of local government within Los Angeles County.

The University will be requested to prepare a report with recommendations on the type of government entity or entities best suited for the present and future needs of the County, and the cities within the County.

Additionally, the University will be asked to study the present complexity of the local taxing structure in Los Angeles County, and to make recommendations on how this structure can be modified to meet the needs of a modern, revised system of local government administration.

The Resolution calls upon the University to recognize the different requirements of the various geographical areas within the County, and the desirability of maintaining local autonomy whenever possible.

"I consider this resolution to be one of the most important matters placed before the State Assembly in the 1968 session," Thomas said. "It is the outgrowth of several hearings before legislative committees on the subject of local government revenues in recent months, and also stems from my own close interest in the problems facing the property owner and taxpayer."

"As my recent District Newsletter to the residents of the 68th Assembly District pointed out," Thomas continued, "the Los Angeles County budget will increase by about \$500 million over the next four years. In addition, the City of Los Angeles will face a revenue deficit of at least \$50 million by the 1971-72 fiscal year."

"These increases will be necessary without an appreciable change in the level of service provided local taxpayers," Thomas stressed, "and the important question is how will the additional revenues be raised?"

Teacher Named To Coordinate New Program

Richard Gonzales, Spanish and French teacher at Redondo Union High School for 20 years, has been appointed to coordinate the foreign language program at South Bay Schools.

Gonzales will teach half time at Redondo Union High School and devote the other half of his time to his new duties with the Hermosa, Manhattan, and Redondo school districts.

Gibson Wins Backing of Carson Leader in Race

Sak Yamamoto, Carson City Councilman and well known civic and business leader, has urged voters in the 17th Congressional District to elect Los Angeles Councilman John S. Gibson Jr. to Congress.

"John Gibson's election as Congressman will assure the people of Carson and all other cities in this district a strong voice speaking for us in Washington," Yamamoto said. A life-long Democrat, Yamamoto also is completing his second term as president of the Carson Chamber of Commerce. He was a leader in the incorporation drive.

"John Gibson is my choice because he not only has the integrity and maturity we need in that office, but also the wisdom, patience and ability to represent all sections — and all people — of this district with equal vigor," Yamamoto said.

"We in Carson fought for our incorporation because we preferred independence to what he had before. We also know that we, like cities of all sizes, face new critical problems at this point in American history."

"But we know that with a statesman of John Gibson's caliber in Washington, making sure that we are properly represented, many of our problems can be eased."

"I personally will be happy to have him as our Congressman because I know he can help expedite those urgent bills and projects needed by our cities."

"I am happy that he decided to run, and I am encouraging all my friends to vote for, and support, him."

Junior High School To Rise in Carson

A \$3,246,000 contract has been awarded by the Los Angeles City Board of Education for the construction of Glenn Hammond Curtis Junior High School in the Carson area.

Superintendent of Schools Jack P. Crowther said the contract was awarded to Argo Construction Co. Inc., the lowest of six bidders on the project. The job is expected to take 450 days.

Dr. Crowther said the school is expected to open in September of 1969 on a 22.7-acre site which is 300 feet west of Central Ave. and 500 feet south of Turmont St.

Development of some 5,000 homes in the Dominguez area east of Avalon Blvd. will require the new school to provide relief for Carnegie, Peary and White junior high schools.

Though the school will have an opening capacity of 1600 students, the school's master plan contains provision for eventual expansion to serve 2600 students.

The school was named after Glenn Hammond Curtis, American aviation pioneer and inventor who was active in the famous 1910 Dominguez air show.

The Curtis site is almost the exact location of the "First United States Air Meet" which was held in January, 1910. The area was then known as Dominguez Field.

Funds for the new school were approved by district voters in 1966 as part of a \$189.5 million bond issue.

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